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SUBJECT: (U) PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON AFGHAN NATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION

REF: (A) KABUL 5463, (B) STATE 184996, (C) KABUL 5433

1. (U) A JULY 18 PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN DISCUSSED  
THE CREATION BY THE PDPA POLITBURO OF A NATIONAL ORGANI-  
ZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION WHICH IS SUPPOSED  
TO INCLUDE ALL "PROGRESSIVE AND PATRIOTIC FORCES OF THE  
NATION, IRRESPECTIVE OF PARTY, RELIGIOUS, NATIONAL AND  
SOCIAL AFFILIATION." ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, ITS MEMBERS  
WILL BE THE PDPA, TRADE UNIONS, PEASANTS' COMMITTEES, THE  
NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZA-  
TION, THE COUNCIL OF ULEMAS AND OTHERS. PRAVDA SAYS THE  
ORGANIZATION IS NEEDED TO COMBAT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY  
FORCES WHICH ARE BECOMING ACTIVE PRECISELY BECAUSE THE  
GOVERNMENT'S REFORM MEASURES HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT IM-  
PROVEMENT TO THE CONDITION OF ALL LEVELS OF THE WORKING  
POPULATION. NO MENTION IS MADE OF A "UNITED NATIONAL  
FRONT."

2. (C) COMMENT: THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY MAKES CLEAR THAT  
THE SOVIET UNION APPROVES OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION AND  
LENS CREDENCE TO REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS EN-  
COURAGED THE PDPA TO BROADEN ITS BASE OF SUPPORT AND TO  
TRY TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO ITS DIFFICULTIES  
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